

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 6  
THIRD QUARTER 2002  
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant  
LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 6 during third quarter 2002 was 98,518, no significant change from the second quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.3% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 12 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 8.2% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 56. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 6 with 19,999 employees, or 20.3% of total employment. Rapides was the leading parish with 55,342 employees, or 56.2% of total employment.

Total wages increased 4.2% from the same period in 2001, and decreased 3.5% from the second quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$469.89. Rapides parish

had the highest average weekly wage of \$502.54.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 6 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 6" beginning on page 59.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Avoyelles	\$ 377.99
Catahoula	365.33
Concordia	417.93
Grant	493.52
LaSalle	421.97
Rapides	502.54
Vernon	455.81
Winn	475.08

The number of reporting units in RLMA 6 for third quarter 2002 was 6,543.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

